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- (1) Enhance recovery;
 - (2) Prevent flaring of casinghead gas;
- or
- (3) Implement other conservation measures approved by the Regional Supervisor.

§ 250.119 [Reserved]

§ 250.120 How does injecting, storing, or treating gas affect my royalty payments?

(a) If you produce gas from an OCS lease and inject it into a reservoir on the lease or unit for the purposes cited in § 250.118(b), you are not required to pay royalties until you remove or sell the gas from the reservoir.

(b) If you produce gas from an OCS lease and store it according to 30 CFR 550.119, you must pay royalty before injecting it into the storage reservoir.

(c) If you produce gas from an OCS lease and treat it at an off-lease or off-unit location, you must pay royalties when the gas is first produced.

§ 250.121 What happens when the reservoir contains both original gas in place and injected gas?

If the reservoir contains both original gas in place and injected gas, when you produce gas from the reservoir you must use a BSEE-approved formula to determine the amounts of injected or stored gas and gas original to the reservoir.

§ 250.122 What effect does subsurface storage have on the lease term?

If you use a lease area for subsurface storage of gas, it does not affect the continuance or expiration of the lease.

§ 250.123 [Reserved]

§ 250.124 Will BSEE approve gas injection into the cap rock containing a sulphur deposit?

To receive the Regional Supervisor's approval to inject gas into the cap rock of a salt dome containing a sulphur deposit, you must show that the injection:

(a) Is necessary to recover oil and gas contained in the cap rock; and

(b) Will not significantly increase potential hazards to present or future sulphur mining operations.

FEES

§ 250.125 Service fees.

(a) The table in this paragraph (a) shows the fees that you must pay to BSEE for the services listed. The fees will be adjusted periodically according to the Implicit Price Deflator for Gross Domestic Product by publication of a document in the FEDERAL REGISTER. If a significant adjustment is needed to arrive at the new actual cost for any reason other than inflation, then a proposed rule containing the new fees will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER for comment.

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| Service—processing of the following: | Fee Amount | 30 CFR citation |
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| (1) Suspension of Operations/Suspension of Production (SOO/SOP) Request | \$2,123 | § 250.171(e). |
| (2) Deepwater Operations Plan | \$3,599 | § 250.292(p). |
| (3) Application for Permit to Drill (APD; Form BSEE-0123) | \$2,113 for initial applications only; no fee for revisions. | § 250.410(d); § 250.513(b); § 250.1617(a). |
| (4) Application for Permit to Modify (APM; Form BSEE-0124) | \$125 | § 250.465(b); § 250.513(b); § 250.613(b); § 250.1618(a); § 250.1704(g). |
| (5) New Facility Production Safety System Application for facility with more than 125 components | \$5,426 A component is a piece of equipment or ancillary system that is protected by one or more of the safety devices required by API RP 14C (as incorporated by reference in § 250.198); \$14,280 additional fee will be charged if BSEE deems it necessary to visit a facility offshore, and \$7,426 to visit a facility in a shipyard. | § 250.802(e). |
| (6) New Facility Production Safety System Application for facility with 25-125 components | \$1,314 Additional fee of \$8,967 will be charged if BSEE deems it necessary to visit a facility offshore, and \$5,141 to visit a facility in a shipyard. | § 250.802(e). |
| (7) New Facility Production Safety System Application for facility with fewer than 25 components | \$652 | § 250.802(e). |
| (8) Production Safety System Application—Modification with more than 125 components reviewed | \$605 | § 250.802(e). |
| (9) Production Safety System Application—Modification with 25-125 components reviewed | \$217 | § 250.802(e). |
| (10) Production Safety System Application—Modification with fewer than 25 components reviewed | \$92 | § 250.802(e). |
| (11) Platform Application—Installation—Under the Platform Verification Program | \$22,734 | § 250.905(l). |

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| (12) Platform Application— Installation—Fixed Structure Under the Platform Approval Program | \$3,256 | § 250.905(l). |
| (13) Platform Application— Installation—Caisson/Well Protector | \$1,657 | § 250.905(l) |
| (14) Platform Application— Modification/Repair | \$3,884 | § 250.905(l). |
| (15) New Pipeline Application (Lease Term) | \$3,541 | § 250.1000(b). |
| (16) Pipeline Application— Modification (Lease Term) | \$2,056 | § 250.1000(b). |
| (17) Pipeline Application— Modification (ROW) | \$4,169 | § 250.1000(b). |
| (18) Pipeline Repair Notification | \$388 | § 250.1008(e). |
| (19) Pipeline Right-of-Way (ROW) Grant Application | \$2,771 | § 250.1015(a). |
| (20) Pipeline Conversion of Lease Term to ROW | \$236 | § 250.1015(a). |
| (21) Pipeline ROW Assignment | \$201 | § 250.1018(b). |
| (22) 500 Feet From Lease/Unit Line Production Request | \$3,892 | § 250.1156(a). |
| (23) Gas Cap Production Request | \$4,953 | § 250.1157. |
| (24) Downhole Commingling Request | \$5,779 | § 250.1158(a). |
| (25) Complex Surface Commingling and Measurement Application | \$4,056 | § 250.1202(a); § 250.1203(b); § 250.1204(a). |
| (26) Simple Surface Commingling and Measurement Application | \$1,371 | § 250.1202(a); § 250.1203(b); § 250.1204(a). |
| (27) Voluntary Unitization Proposal or Unit Expansion | \$12,619 | § 250.1303(d). |
| (28) Unitization Revision | \$896 | § 250.1303(d). |
| (29) Application to Remove a Platform or Other Facility | \$4,684 | § 250.1727. |
| (30) Application to Decommission a Pipeline (Lease Term) | \$1,142 | § 250.1751(a) or § 250.1752(a). |
| (31) Application to Decommission a Pipeline (ROW) | \$2,170 | § 250.1751(a) or § 250.1752(a). |

(b) Payment of the fees listed in paragraph (a) of this section must accompany the submission of the document for approval or be sent to an of-

fice identified by the Regional Director. Once a fee is paid, it is nonrefundable, even if an application or other request is withdrawn. If your application

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is returned to you as incomplete, you are not required to submit a new fee when you submit the amended application.

(c) Verbal approvals are occasionally given in special circumstances. Any action that will be considered a verbal permit approval requires either a paper permit application to follow the verbal approval or an electronic application submittal within 72 hours. Payment must be made with the completed paper or electronic application.

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§ 250.126 Electronic payment instructions.

You must file all payments electronically through *Pay.gov*. This includes, but is not limited to, all OCS applications or filing fee payments. The *Pay.gov* Web site may be accessed through a link on the BSEE Offshore Web site at: <http://www.bsee.gov/offshore/homepage> or directly through *Pay.gov* at: <https://www.pay.gov/paygov/>.

(a) If you submitted an application through eWell, you must use the interactive payment feature in that system, which directs you through *Pay.gov*.

(b) For applications not submitted electronically through eWell, you must use credit card or automated clearing house (ACH) payments through the *Pay.gov* Web site, and you must include a copy of the *Pay.gov* confirmation receipt page with your application.

INSPECTIONS OF OPERATIONS

§ 250.130 Why does BSEE conduct inspections?

BSEE will inspect OCS facilities and any vessels engaged in drilling or other downhole operations. These include facilities under jurisdiction of other Federal agencies that we inspect by agreement. We conduct these inspections:

(a) To verify that you are conducting operations according to the Act, the regulations, the lease, right-of-way, the BOEM-approved Exploration Plan or Development and Production Plans; or right-of-use and easement, and other applicable laws and regulations; and

(b) To determine whether equipment designed to prevent or ameliorate

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blowouts, fires, spillages, or other major accidents has been installed and is operating properly according to the requirements of this part.

§ 250.131 Will BSEE notify me before conducting an inspection?

BSEE conducts both scheduled and unscheduled inspections.

§ 250.132 What must I do when BSEE conducts an inspection?

(a) When BSEE conducts an inspection, you must provide:

(1) Access to all platforms, artificial islands, and other installations on your leases or associated with your lease, right-of-use and easement, or right-of-way; and

(2) Helicopter landing sites and refueling facilities for any helicopters we use to regulate offshore operations.

(b) You must make the following available for us to inspect:

(1) The area covered under a lease, right-of-use and easement, right-of-way, or permit;

(2) All improvements, structures, and fixtures on these areas; and

(3) All records of design, construction, operation, maintenance, repairs, or investigations on or related to the area.

§ 250.133 Will BSEE reimburse me for my expenses related to inspections?

Upon request, BSEE will reimburse you for food, quarters, and transportation that you provide for BSEE representatives while they inspect lease facilities and operations. You must send us your reimbursement request within 90 days of the inspection.

DISQUALIFICATION

§ 250.135 What will BSEE do if my operating performance is unacceptable?

BSEE will determine if your operating performance is unacceptable. BSEE will refer a determination of unacceptable performance to BOEM, who may disapprove or revoke your designation as operator on a single facility or multiple facilities. We will give you adequate notice and opportunity for a review by BSEE officials before making a determination that your operating performance is unacceptable.